## City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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**PRESENT for all or part of the meeting**: President Robert C. Trane, Vice President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen John M. Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1.	Roll Call	Call of the Roll.	183528 Placed on File
2.	Minutes Approval	Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2007.	183529 Approved
		NEW ALDERMAN'S OATH OF OFFICE	
3.	Oath	Swearing in Alderman at Large John M. Connolly, elected in a Special Election on May 15, 2007.	183530 Placed on File
		<u>CITATIONS</u>	
4.	Citation	By Ald. Sullivan, Congratulating Maurice Haddad on the happy occasion of his 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	183531 Approved
		PUBLIC HEARINGS	
5.	Grant of Location	Nstar Electric/Verizon for a grant of location to install a stub in the sidewalk of Washington St. at Florence St.	183532 Approved
		ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS	
6.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install lighting in the basketball court at McKenna/Corbett Playground, to be turned off at 10 PM.	183533 Approved

7.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect Montrose St. for the improper disposal of trash on trash pickup days.	183534 Approved
8.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor Montrose St. for one-way violators between 4 and 7 PM.	183535 Approved
9.	Order	By Ald. Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works install fans or other cooling mechanisms in the Kennedy School gymnasium.	183536 Approved
10.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect the garage at 25 Hamlet St. for unsafe conditions.	183537 Approved
11.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 69 Walnut St. for trimming or removal.	183538 Approved
12.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Licensing Commission, monitor after hours activities at Club Choices.	183539 Approved
13.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD contact the owner of 41 Belmont St. regarding the overflowing dumpster and direct him to relocate it to a better location.	183540 Approved
14.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD inspect 19 Craigie St. for a rooming house.	183541 Approved
15.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO LEFT TURN sign at Lincoln St. and Broadway with a NO ENTRY 7-9 AM EXCEPT ABUTTERS sign.	183542 Approved
16.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install American flags on Broadway, from Walnut St. to Mt. Pleasant St., and leave them in place until Veterans Day.	183543 Approved
17.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalks on Allston St. and take the appropriate corrective action.	183544 Approved
18.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team to 9-11 Everett Ave. and 28 Franklin St. to inspect for illegal units, overcrowding conditions, or any other safety and health code violations.	183545 Approved
19.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted or broken sidewalk panels at both corners of Mt Vernon St. at Wheeler St.	183546 Approved

20.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor the driveway at 91-93 Franklin St. and take appropriate action anytime it is blocked for any reason.	183547 Approved
21.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works send a communication to the B&M Railroad and/or the MA Highway Dept. regarding the Cross St. bridge and Gilman St. underpass, as they both pose serious safety issues.	183548 Approved
22.	Resolution	By Ald. Roche, Pero, Sullivan, Desmond and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that our State Delegation coordinate with this Board and DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan to arrange tours of DCR properties at Foss Park, Dilboy Field, Veterans Skating Rink and Draw Seven Park, and that the presidents of Somerville's youth leagues and the members of the Foss Park Neighborhood Association be invited to discuss safety, cleanliness, maintenance, and equity in assigning playing fields, among other issues.	183549 Approved
23.	Order	By Ald. Roche, Sullivan, Heuston, Desmond and the Entire Board, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Frank Santangelo and Gerry Boyle coordinate a meeting with Recreation Commissioner Jim Halloran and the Somerville Youth Soccer President to discuss the renovation/creation of soccer fields at the Capuano and Lincoln Park Schools, to best accommodate the soccer program and to determine if grant money is available for synthetic playing surfaces.	183550 Approved Copy to Finance
24.	Resolution	By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration conduct a citywide awareness effort about the State's clean needle law for hypodermic needles, and the city's response to the presence of used needles on our streets, sidewalks and playgrounds.	Approved Copy to Legislative Matters and Public Health & Safety
25.	Resolution	By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission analyze the citywide permit parking initiative.	Approved as Amended: That the Director of T&P prepare a map of permit parking zones, and a summary of other communities' policies
26.	Resolution	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Josephine and Morrison Aves. in memory of WWII veteran Neil G Buckley.	183553 Approved
27.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place speed boards on Medford St. at Adams St., on Kidder Ave., and on Morrison Ave. (after the resurfaced area).	183554 Approved

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28.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan and Pero, That the Chief of Police place a speed trap on Central St.	183555 Approved
29.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, Heuston and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 74 Summer St.	183556 Approved
30.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, Heuston and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works rectify the damage at 74 Summer St. caused by the street paving contractor.	183557 Approved
31.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the ban on overnight parking on Sycamore St. between Medford St. and Evergreen Ave.	183558 Approved as Amended: That T&P use the Denver Boot as needed
32.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD issue citations for violations of the trash ordinance at 3-5 Walter Terrace.	183559 Approved
33.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works initiate street cleaning on both sides of East Albion St., and that the Director of Traffic and Parking post signage.	183560 Approved
34.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on the Langmaid Ave. side of the house at 12 Heath St.	183561 Approved
35.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Marshall St. at various times over a 24 hour cycle.	183562 Approved
36.	Resolution	By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the MA Highway Dept. test, and if necessary reset, the traffic signal timer at the intersection of Mystic Ave. and Shore Drive, specifically, the timer controlling the flow of traffic from Mystic Ave. onto Shore Drive.	183563 Approved
37.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Thurston St. between Evergreen Ave. and Medford St. at various times over a 24 hour cycle.	183564 Approved
38.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the newly installed sidewalk at 25 Meacham St. for compliance with safety regulations.	183565 Approved
39.	Resolution	By Ald. Connolly, Offering his appreciation to the voting public for their participation in the May 15, 2007, Special Election, and his congratulations to the Election and Police Depts. for a job well done conducting the election.	183566 Approved

40.	Order	By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for possible electric-amplified noise ordinance violations by street performers evenings in Davis Sq. Plaza.	Approved as Amended: That the Chief also note that performers require permits
41.	Resolution	By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that the Administration contact the State Delegation to initiate discussions with DCR to procure some or all of Foss Park.	183568 Approved
42.	Order	By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the road surface on Winter St. between College Ave. and Holland St.	183569 Approved
43.	Order	By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the missing curb stone at the traffic island opposite the sewing center at the intersection of Day and Elm Sts. in Davis Sq.	183570 Approved
44.	Order	By Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken scoreboard at the baseball diamond at Trum Field.	183571 Approved
45.	Order	By Ald. Connolly, Taylor and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary actions to erect a bench and bus shelter at 114 Highland Ave.	183572 Approved
46.	Resolution	By Ald. Connolly, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the DCR Commissioner repair the damaged stairway at the end of Flint St., leading up to the DCR maintained walkway. (2nd request)	183573 Approved
47.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the pile of sand next to the entrance of Lexington Park on the bike path side.	183574 Approved
48.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Environmental Coordinator institute a public awareness campaign to educate residents of the MA Anti-Idling Law.	183575 Approved
49.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond, Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree at 74 Summer St.	183576 Approved
50.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Desmond and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roof at the rear of the Cross St. Senior Center.	183577 Approved

51.	Resolution	By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration explain in writing the allocation of the additional \$30,000 given by the MaxPak developer, above the \$20,000 originally agreed to.	183578 Approved
52.	Order	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Housing appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss affordable housing in preparation for the Green Line Extension.	183579 Approved
53.	Resolution	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Administration report to this Board the cost of painting the exterior of City Hall and the feasibility of including this project in the Capital Plan this year, as the paint on the building is peeling extensively.	183580 Approved
54.	Order	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman this Spring's street repaving plan and prioritize the re-paving of Irving St.	183581 Approved
55.	Resolution	By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board supports Governor Patrick's Municipal Partnership Act, which would provide much needed revenue to the City, and that this Board also supports his Tax Fairness Plan, which would close corporate tax loopholes, helping to offset the property tax.	183582 Approved
56.	Order	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on discussions of the 48 hour parking rule and what options are feasible as an alternative.	183583 Approved
57.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign for Crown St. at the intersection of Crown and Porter Sts.	183584 Approved
58.	Resolution	By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Connolly, Taylor and the Entire Board, That the Committee on Monuments and Memorials rename the High School Concourse "Fedele Way" in honor of the late Anthony Fedele, former High School Principal.	183585 Approved
59.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken field lights at Conway Park and reposition those that were installed incorrectly.	183586 Approved
60.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works extend the backstop fences at fields A and B at Conway Park.	183587 Approved
61.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the field lights at Lincoln Park.	183588 Approved

62.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works fence in the dugout areas at the Lincoln Park Little League baseball field.	183589 Approved
63.	Order	By Ald. White, That Wig Zamore, the City's representative on the Community Advisory Board for Logan Airport, appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss air traffic from Logan Airport.	Approved as Amended: That he appear at an SPCD Public Hearing on air traffic instead
64.	Order	By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Personnel advise this Board of the revised schedule for the appointment of the Chief of Police.	183591 Approved
65.	Order	By Pres. Trane, That this Board re-appoints John Heymann to the Ethics Commission.	183592 Approved
		<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	
		None	
		REPORTS OF COMMITTEES	
66.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, June 5.	183593 Approved
66A.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor survey other communities to ascertain how they regulate the proper disposal of hypodermic needles.	183594 Approved
66B.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Public Health schedule a joint Public Hearing with the Legislative Matters Committee, for public input on the proper disposal of hypodermic needles.	183595 Approved
67.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Finance, June 11.	183596 Approved
67A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$26,365 from MAPC's bicycle rack program (\$20,365) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$6,000), for bicycle racks.	183462 Approved
67B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$75,000 from Marshall Sloane and the entire Sloane Family, to alleviate some of the costs of the Trum Field field house.	183508 Approved
68.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Finance, June 12.	183597 Approved

68A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$6,000 from the Personnel PS Salaries Acct. to the Reimbursement/Allowances Acct. for a gym membership benefit for non-union members as part of Shape Up Somerville programming.	183459 Approved
68B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$5,000 from the Health Insurance Co. Acct. to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to retain a Commissioning Agent to evaluate the ESCO project.	183461 Approved
69.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, June 13.  No papers.	183598 Approved
		<b>COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR</b>	
70.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to use available funds of \$98,491.66 in the Police Salaries Acct. to establish a Police Detail Fund pursuant to a collective bargaining obligation.	183599 Finance
71.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$121,638 in the DPW Sewer Enterprise, from MWRA Assessments to Principal on Long Term Debt (\$80,000) and Interest on Long Term Debt (\$41,638).	183600 Finance
72.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$110,000 from the Police Salaries Acct. to the Vehicle Acct. to fund four 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans.	183601 Finance
73.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$11,466 from the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Acct. to the Debt Service-Interest on Notes-BAN Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.	183602 Finance
74.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$11,102 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Treasury Salaries Acct. to fund accrued vacation time earned by William Fowler.	183603 Finance
75.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer of \$2,600 from the Treasury Building Insurance Acct. (\$2,097) and the Office Supplies Acct. (\$503) to the Treasury Salaries Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.	183604 Finance
76.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval for the Law Dept. to pay a prior year invoice of \$175 for services rendered re: Troiani vs. the City of Somerville.	183605 Finance
77.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$35,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Personnel Dept.'s Summer Jobs Program targeting youth at risk.	183606 Approved

78.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$9,000 from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation for the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.	183607 Approved
79.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$750 from the US Tennis Association New England for the Recreation Dept.'s Tennis Program.	183608 Approved
80.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a Resolution to ban purchases from the Smithfield Packing Co.'s Tar Heel Division, until the company ends all intimidation and abuse of its workers.	183609 Placed on File
		COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS	
81.	Officer's Comm.	City Solicitor responding to #183307 re: a draft of a Home Rule Petition providing the City with jurisdiction over State and DCR public ways that traverse the City.	183610 Legislative Matters
82.	Officer's Comm.	Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.	183611 Placed on File
83.	Officer's Comm.	Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.	183612 Placed on File
		NEW BUSINESS	
84.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, June 16, 3-6PM, June 23, 4-7PM & June 30, 2-5PM.	183613 Approved w/conditions: 6/23 and 6/30 require Ward 6 Ald. approval
85.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, St. Anthony's Parish Feast of St. John, Properzi Way, June 23, 7PM-12Midnight.	183614 Approved
86.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, "Summertime in Somerville" Trum Field Fireworks, June 28, 5-10:30PM, and Family Fun Day, June 30, Noon-5PM (raindate Fireworks, July 7 and Family Fun Day, July 8).	183615 Approved
87.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, "SomerMovie Fest" Outdoor Films, Seven Hills Park, Prospect Hill & Conway Park, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 23, dusk.	183616 Approved
88.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, CAAS Summer Outreach Program, various locations, July 11, 16, 18, 23 & 25, 2- 4PM., July 28, 10AM-Noon, Aug. 1, 6 & 8, 2-4PM.	183617 Approved
89.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sept. 15, 7AM-2PM.	183618 Approved

90.	Drainlayer	Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain Cleaning Co.	183619 Approved
91.	Livery	New Livery License, Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motors, 259 McGrath Hwy.	183620 Licenses & Permits
92.	Garage	New Garage License, P.Gioiso & Sons, 628 Somerville Ave., 2 autos outside, for storage only.	183621 Licenses & Permits
93.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Mike's Automotive Service Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 20 autos.	183622 Licenses & Permits
94.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos.	183623 Licenses & Permits
95.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, 120 Beacon St. L.P., 120 Beacon St., 80 autos.	183624 Licenses & Permits
96.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License (2005), Autosal, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos.	183625 Licenses & Permits
97.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License (2006), Autosal, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos.	183626 Licenses & Permits
98.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, M.S. Walker Inc. Harvey Allen, 20R Third Ave., 90,000 gallons.	183627 Licenses & Permits
99.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, 120 Beacon St. L.P., 120 Beacon St., 20,000 gallons.	183628 Licenses & Permits
100.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 500 Gallons.	183629 Licenses & Permits
101.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Elysee Corp., Med. #48.	183630 Approved
102.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Honey Cab Inc., Med. #82.	183631 Approved
103.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Transfer, Mariam Cab Inc. to TALKD Transportation Inc., Med. #55.	183632 Approved
104.	Comm.	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases responding to #183290 re: the proposed BU Biolab.	183633 Placed on File
105.	Comm.	Walpole Board of Selectmen regarding the development of so-called "Unfriendly 40B" projects.	183634 Placed on File

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106.	Comm.	Tam Lin Neville re: Union Sq. Zoning.	183635 Placed on File Copy to Land Use
107.	Comm.	Stuart Dash re: Union Sq. Zoning.	183636 Placed on File
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		LATE ITEMS	
108.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Heuston, Connolly and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD notify Gioioso and Sons Inc. that the permitted hours of their garage at 628 Somerville Ave. are currently 7 AM to 7 PM.	183637 Approved
109.	Order	By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the debris from Capen Court at the former Conwell School site.	183638 Approved
110.	Order	By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to Capen Court, at the former Conwell School site, to deter illegal dumping.	183639 Approved
111.	Comm.	By President Trane, Conveying updated Board Committee assignments.	183640 Placed on File
112.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a 20-year Energy Performance Contract with Honeywell.	183641 Finance and Environment & Energy
113.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$50,000 from the Health Insurance Acct. to the Damage to Persons and Property Judgments/Settlements of Claims Acct. to satisfy claims against the City for the remainder of FY07.	183642 Finance
114.	Mayor's Comm.	Proclaiming the City's support of the Municipal Partnership Act.	183643 Placed on File
115.	Garage	Amendment of Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., for extended hours of operation: 7AM-7PM Mon-Sat.	183644 Licenses & Permits
116.	Comm.	Emily Arkin re: Union Sq. zoning.	183645 Placed on File Copy to Land Use

## Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk